

Minutes of the Village of Arden Registration Committee meeting

February 22, 2023

The meeting was called to order by chairperson, Cecilia Vore at 1:00 pm in the Buzz Ware Village Center. In attendance were members of the Registration Committee: Elizabeth Varley, Steve Tanzer, Marcia Scheflen, and Rebecca Meick.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss a draft motion to be presented at the Town Assembly on March 27, 2023. The motion will implement changes to three election procedures that are defined in the Act to Reincorporate.

1. Change the requirement for passage of a general referendum from a majority of all eligible voters to a majority of those who vote in the referendum.
2. Change the timing required for the Board of Assessors election to match the required timing of the Budget Referendum.
3. Codify the use of absentee voting in the March election of committees and officers that was approved by the Town Assembly in March 2011 and implemented in March 2012.

If approved by the Town Assembly, the Registration Committee will hold a general referendum, presenting these changes to the residents of Arden for approval.

If approved in the general referendum, the Registration Committee will petition the Delaware State Legislature to amend the Town Charter (Act to Reincorporate) to include these changes.

The members of the committee discussed making some minor changes in wording from the original draft motion.

Cecilia will attend the next committee at large meeting of the Governance Task Force to advise them of the draft motion. She will also attend the Advisory Committee meeting in March and request that the draft motion be included in the agenda for the March Town Meeting.

The Town Meeting is set for March 27th, so vote counting will take place the following day. Marcia will recruit more counters to assist the committee members that day.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Rebecca Meick